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**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 20-46 are currently pending in the above application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 28-33, 38-41, 45 and 46.

The drawings stand rejected in Paragraph 1 of the Office Action for not including reference signs listed in the application. Applicants have herein corrected the drawings to include the listed reference numerals and a copy of the corrected drawings are submitted herewith. Reconsideration of the drawings is respectfully requested.

The specification stands rejected to for incorrectly referring to the wrong application number in the preliminary amendment. Applicants have herein corrected the disclosure to indicate the correct serial number of the application from which the present application claims priority.

Claim 1 has been cancelled by the foregoing amendment. As such, any objections to or rejections of claim 1 are moot.

Claims 20 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Sauriol (U.S. Patent No. 5,946,720). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection. In making this rejection, the Examiner attempts to describe the relationship of the various elements of the Sauriol glove to claim 20 of the present invention. However, the Examiner fails to explain the relationship of the wrist guard to the cuff portion as is present in claim 20 of the present invention, which requires "a wrist guard coupled to said hand portion and generally overlying a portion of said cuff portion and said hand portion, said wrist guard having an enlarged area for contacting and blocking a lacrosse ball, said enlarged area defined by an upper edge and a lower edge and a first end and a second end, wherein the distance between said upper edge and said lower edge is greater at said second end than the distance between said upper edge and said lower edge at said first end." The Sauriol reference does not disclose such an arrangement.

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Instead, the Sauriol reference discloses a flange portion 36 that is coupled near the hand portion, but extends over the cuff portion 22 only (See Figure 1). Further, the flange portion appears to be substantially similar in distance between the upper edge and the lower edge at the first and second end, respectively, which is contrary to what is disclosed in claim 20. As such, claim 20 is not anticipated by the Sauriol reference. As claim 27 depends from claim 20, it similarly is not anticipated by the Sauriol reference. Further, claims 21-26, which currently stand objected to, are also allowable in view of the allowability of claim 20. Reconsideration of claims 20-27 is respectfully requested.

Claims 34 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Morrow (U.S. Patent No. 5,983,396). Claim 35 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow (U.S. Patent No. 5,983,396) in view of Karkanen (U.S. Patent No. 4,507,807). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections. However, in an effort to move this case towards allowance, Applicants have herein amended claim 34 to include the subject matter of claim 36 and have cancelled claim 36 without prejudice. As claim 36 was allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants respectfully suggest that amended claim 34 is now allowable. Similarly, claims 35 and 37, which depend from amended claim 34, are now similarly allowable. Reconsideration of claims 34, 35 and 37 is respectfully requested.

Claims 42 and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morrow (U.S. Patent No. 5,983,396) in view of Wilder (U.S. Patent No. 5,787,506). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection. However, in an attempt to move this case towards allowance, Applicants have amended claim 42 to include the subject matter of claim 43 and have cancelled claim 43 without prejudice. Applicants respectfully suggest that claims 42 and 44 are now allowable. Reconsideration of claims 42 and 44 is respectfully requested.

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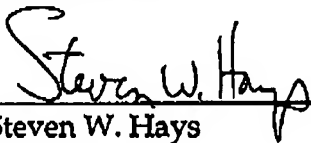
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 20-35, 37-42, and 44-46 are allowable. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any unresolved matters remain.

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